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(D) ATHENS 3065; (E) ATHENS 3166; (F) ATHENS 3430;

(G) STATE 121651; (H) FAA O.M. AIA-130, 21 MAY 1975;

(I) STATE A-3738; (J) ATHENS 4008

1. EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED FAA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR'S LETTER
(ENCLOSED IN REF I) TO HCAA AS INSTRUCTED. IT NOW APPEARS THAT
HCAA HAS EMPLOYED THE INSTITUTE DES TRANSPORTS AERIENS (ITA) FOR
HELP IN THE REORGANIZATION OF HCAA.

2. PLAGUED BY LABOR UNREST, WHICH BROKE OUT IN FEBRUARY 1975 AND
CULMINATED IN THE CIVIL MOBILIZATION OF ALL AIRPORT PERSONNEL,
HCAA FELT NEED FOR REAPPRAISING STATUS OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES
OF ITS PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ANTAGONISM AMONG
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PERSONNEL CATEGORIES BY VIRTUE OF EACH ONE'S CLAIMS TO SPECIAL

STATUS. HCAA THEREFORE DECIDED TO SOLICIT ASSISTANCE OF OUTSIDE AGENCIES. IN THIS CONTEXT EMBASSY WAS APPROACHED EARLY MAY 1975 WITH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS IN US (REF F), TO WHICH FAA PROMPTLY RESPONDED (REF G). EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT IN ADDITION TO HAVING APPROACHED FAA DIRECTLY (REF I), HCAA ALSO MADE SIMILAR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO ICAO, ECAC AND ILO. HCAA FINALLY DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF ITA, WHICH, ACCORDING TO HCAA OFFICIAL, IS NONPROFIT AGENCY WHOSE MANAGEMENT INCLUDES TOP OFFICIALS OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN CAA'S. ACCORDING TO SAME OFFICIAL, ITA HAS ITS SEAT IN PARIS, BUT IT IS INTERNATIONAL RATHER THAN FRENCH AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS. REPORTEDLY ITA'S ASSIGNMENT MUST BE COMPLETED IN 3 TO 4 MONTHS, AND INCLUDES COMPILATION OF COMPARATIVE DATA ON STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF OTHER NATIONAL CAA'S OPERATING UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS, STATUS OF VARIOUS PERSONNEL CATEGORIES, SALARY SCALES, WORKING CONDITIONS, ETC., AND SUBMISSION OF A CRITICAL EVALUATION TO THE GOG

3. IT APPEARS THAT HCAA AIRPORT PERSONNEL HAVE DISCONTINUED PRACTICE OF "WORKING TO RULE", ALTHOUGH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, THEY ARE STILL UNDER CIVIL MOBILIZATION STATUS.

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